

meet the required reductions for 1998-99. The Division of Medical Assistance shall not implement any of these actions until after the intended actions have been reported to the ~~Chairs~~ members.

(e) The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of ~~Human Resources~~, Health and Human Services, shall report to the ~~Chairs~~ members of the ~~House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Human Resources~~ Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources and the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources by ~~April 1, 1998~~, February 1, 1999, on the final plan to reduce Medicaid growth to eight percent (8%) by the year 2001."

Requested by: Senator Martin of Guilford, Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary

### **RULES GOVERNING TRANSFER OF MEDICAID BENEFITS BETWEEN COUNTIES**

**Section 12.6.** Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by inserting a new section to read:

"§ 108A-57.1. Rules governing transfer of medical assistance benefits between counties.

Any recipient of medical assistance who moves from one county to another county of this State shall continue to receive medical assistance if eligible. The county director of social services of the county from which the recipient has moved shall transfer all necessary records relating to the recipient to the county director of social services of the county to which the recipient has moved. The county from which the recipient has moved shall pay the county portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance payments paid for services provided to the recipient during the month following the recipient's move. Thereafter, the county to which the recipient has moved shall pay the county portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance payments paid for the services provided to the recipient."

Requested by: Senator Martin of Guilford, Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary

### **CONTINUOUS MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CATEGORICALLY NEEDY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

**Section 12.7.** (a) Section 11.11 of S.L. 1997-443 is amended by inserting a new subsection to read:

"(n1) Medicaid enrollment of categorically needy families with children shall be continuous for one year without regard to changes in income or assets."

(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall study the effect of this section on both the Medicaid Program and the Health Insurance Program for Children. The Department shall make an interim report on the results of this study to the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources and the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources by October 1, 1999, and shall make a final report by January 1, 2000.

(c) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective 90 days after this act becomes law.